

Housing Workgroup Notes from August 5 Kick Off Event

Housing Sustainability

- Homeownership
- Implementation
- Housing for Range of People
- Community Voice
- Do-able, actionable plan for builders
- Coordination
- Housing for Hispanic community and other demographic groups
- Inclusion and change-sensitive to demographic groups, especially under-included
- Equity in Housing
- Sustainable building practices for all areas, suburban and lesser regulated areas
- Guidelines for whole region to protect ecosystems
- Quality of Housing
 - Minimum standards
 - Definition of affordable housing

Housing Opportunities

- Incentivize beyond minimal standards
- Educate public to demand sustainable housing, and builders will respond
- Improve choice selection (transit efficiency)
- Land is available for building
- Housing Exchange Program
- Change perspective
 - Housing as shelter vs. investment
 - Ownership vs. shelter for American dream

Housing Challenges

- Prefer less regulatory environment
- Responding to wide range of housing needs/demands
- Economic reality of what people can afford

Regional Plan for Sustainable Development Housing Workgroup Notes from August 5 Kick Off Event

- Education
- Earning potential reality
- Undocumented residents
 - Less opportunity
 - Vulnerable
- Mobile homes
 - Not easy to repair, finance
 - Pitfalls for low-income families
 - Not educated on reality and risks
 - Not sustainable
- Balance of in-fill with new development infrastructure capacity
- Lack of regulations in suburban communities and ‘everywhere’

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